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Our Case No.: **10210/8**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Takashi CHIBA
Munenori YAMAGUCHI
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Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: To Be Assigned

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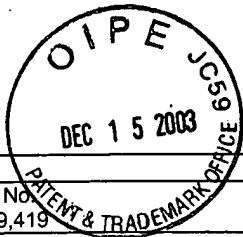
For: ROTARY CUTTING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment:



| TRANSMITTAL LETTER | | | Case No. 10210/8 |
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| Inventor(s) Toshio MIKIYA, Keisuke SHIMADA, Takashi CHIBA, Munenori YAMAGUCHI, Kenji OHTSUKA | | | |
| Title of Invention ROTARY CUTTING APPARATUS | | | |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is 4 Pages of Preliminary Amendment and return postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Small Entity | | or | Other Than Small Entity | |
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| x \$9= | | | x \$18= | |
| x 43= | | | x \$86= | |
| +\$145= | | | +\$290= | |
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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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